

# TIP OF THE SWORD

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**Information  
Superiority**

**Comm keeps Incirlik connected**

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## Days until inspection

**Tip of the week:** Don't go out of your way and get creative to impress inspectors. Do the job as you've been trained and don't create needless fluff

**On the cover:** Many base members see this screen when they log onto the network. The 39th Communications Squadron makes sure the entire base stays connected. For more details see Pages 8 to 11. (Cover graphic by Senior Airman Timothy Beckham)

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## COMMANDER'S COMMENTS



By Col. "Tip" Stinnette  
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### I don't make this stuff ... I just serve it

A traveling salesperson stopped at a fast food restaurant for a cup of coffee. When the server delivered the coffee, the friendly salesperson attempted to make conversation.

"Looks like rain," the salesperson said.

"I don't make this stuff," the server responded, "I just serve it."

Hmm ... think something was missed in this exchange? Good communication should involve transmission, reception and confirmation ... put another way, talking, listening and understanding. Communication is everything and the way we communicate ultimately determines the quality of our lives. We live this point every day here at the "Lik." Just think about the bridges we must negotiate ... between countries, between commands, between functions, between families, between partners and between friends.

According to research psychologists, the average one-year-old child has a three-word vocabulary. By 15 months, children can speak 19 words. At two, most youngsters possess a working knowledge of 272 words. Their vocabulary catapults to 896 words by age three, 1,540 by age four, and 2,072 words by age five. By the age of six the average child can communicate with 2,562 words. Our word accumulation continues to grow yet effective use of them does not necessarily follow. Even though the average adult speaks at a rate of 125 to 200 words per minute and up to 18,000 words per day, this does not mean messages have been clearly relayed ... "I just serve it."

Computers, chat rooms, Web mail, e-mail, and Blackberries just make the communica-

tion thing that much easier and harder at the same time. The face-to-face thing is hard enough as my example at the top of this article clearly points out. At least face to face we can augment the exchange with body language ... even there, some have better vocabularies than others. So often I am told "I sent them an e-mail" when I ask why someone is not at a meeting. This is not communication, it's transmission. We have one mouth and two ears ... listen, receive and understand ... it's the same no matter what bridge you are trying to negotiate. If we get good at the listening part, we'll get good at the mission part. This is imperative as we prepare for our upcoming inspections.

Electronic media is quickly becoming a dumping ground of vast mountains of information waste. Think about it, how often do you go back and look at some file that you saved three months ago, six months ago or one year ago? Bandwidth, constellation dwell time, and data mining are the problems that we are facing in a send-and-respond environment. Our communications community in the Air Force has been at the forefront in addressing these issues, in transforming its practices, and applying the intuitive optimizing principals of Smart Ops 21. This issue of the *Tip of the Sword* focuses on our communications team and will hopefully give you a better insight into what they do.

I'd be remiss if I did not briefly touch on the topic of elective surgery in light of our tragic loss two weeks ago. We are working on a base instruction to cover this topic. While the Air Force policy for members is fairly clear we need to ensure we apply it to our local situation. Within the month we expect to publish the base instruction. It will reiterate the Air Force policy for members and ensure that wing leadership is fully aware of all personnel pursuing off-base elective surgery. The reason is simple ... we must be able to respond with legal and medical support when things do not go as expected. We are going to begin an aggressive education campaign to ensure that everyone of us is fully informed of the risks associated with elective surgery. Our loss was tragic and I know that you expect me to take action to reduce the chance that it will ever happen again ... and I will.

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# Staying connected

**By Maj. Omar Gauthier**

39th Communications Squadron commander

Just imagine a day living and working in an environment fully "connected," where communications and information systems bind just about every facet of your life. Whether you realize it or not, that day is here — now.

For the past two decades, innovation's in the field of communication and information have increased productivity over three-fold in just about every industry from food production to auto manufacturing and made access to information easier than any point in history. Some of the most common technologies and systems in use such as the Internet, e-mail, video teleconferencing, cellular phones and wireless networks the average user couldn't imagine living without, let alone working without. These advancements in technology have dramatically changed the way everyone manages information and conducts business. Some of the most noticeable shifts have occurred within the business industry, education and the government and primarily in the military.

Compared to all other business and non-financial related industries, banking is by far the quickest to embrace advances or changes in information and communications. From securing, accessing, transferring or making inquiries about account balances, communications and information technology, using the Internet and voice systems make these operations possible. The use of video imagery or video teleconferencing (also extensively used within the business community) is essentially the merging of these technologies in the most basic form. Most of these video and voice functions riding directly over the internet, the single largest access point for accessing information.

The obvious benefits are cost savings in areas such as time processing transactions, reduction of personnel and of course the bottom line money. The money saving aspect is what has kept this industry looking for and using the most cutting edge technologies.

Transformation within education is an-

other area where advances in communication and information has facilitated or enabled a drastic change in the manner it's conducted. Within the last few years, there's been an explosion of educational services and programs once confined by the limitations of geography now open to all who qualify. These educational degrees, certification or adult continuing education programs are now accessible world wide in part to communications technology that's connected the user to the provider. This technology has enabled students to complete educational programs from home, at sea, in the desert and at varying times of the day, basically whenever it's convenient for the individual. What these technologies have literally done is re-defined what the traditional college and university was once thought of, a prime example being the University of Phoenix which is now referred to as the "University without Walls."

Finally and most importantly may be the impact of the many advances in communication and information to the U.S. government. Senior leadership heavily relies on these communications and information systems to provide a comprehensive, near real-time picture of on-going situations. The ability to quickly access, process and interpret information within a hostile or rapidly changing environment is crucial to the planning and execution of any operation.

Advance's within communications have gotten to the point where information can be relayed to the most forward-deployed, a ground-pounding Soldier at almost real-time speeds. These capabilities represent a phenomenal jump in technology compared to what was available only a decade ago. Many cutting edge technologies such as the unmanned aerial vehicle, global positioning system guided munitions and mobile high bandwidth satellite systems are being used extensively to support these missions worldwide, all enabled by communications and information systems.

The next time you have a free moment, look around your office or home and see how many ways communications and information systems help you stay "connected;" you'll be surprised.

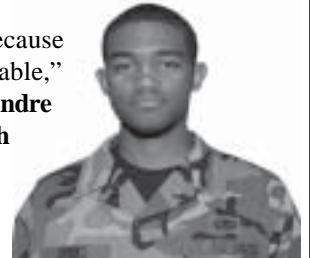
## YOUR TURN

**What do you prefer, desktops or laptops?**

"Laptops. All laptops now a days can do all the same things a desktop can do," **Master Sgt. William Gomez, 39th Communications Squadron**



"Laptops, because they are portable," **Airman DeAndre Burkes, 39th Logistics Readiness Squadron**



"Desktops because the components are better and you can build your own system," **Airman 1st Class Aaron Haviland, 39th CS**



"I prefer laptops because a lot of places have wireless capabilities for free," **Capt. Michael Linder, 817th Air Expeditionary Squadron**



"Laptops because they are more versatile and they take up less space," **Kim Anderson, 39th Services Squadron**



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To submit a question for "Your Turn," call 676-6060 or e-mail [tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil](mailto:tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil)

# Trading spaces:

## Official Document Center gets more room to move

By 1st Lt. S.J. Brown  
39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

The Official Document Center will get approximately 700 square feet of space next week when it takes over a portion of the ground floor of Building 975, located right beside the current ODC location in Building 977.

The expansion, which has been in the works for more than a year, will separate incoming and outgoing mail services so congestion in the current building will be eliminated and so the ODC can install new mailboxes, said Senior Airman Frank Hacecky, 39th Communications Squadron custodian of postal effects.

"The boxes we currently have are not up to Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection standards and need to be replaced," said Capt. Steve Bichler, 39th CS support flight commander. "First of all, there aren't enough boxes to go around. The new boxes have better locks and have more space. Right now we have approximately 2,700 mailboxes. After the renovation and installation of the new boxes, we will have 3,000 new boxes."

All of the mailboxes will be located in the current ODC as well as the pick up window for packages. So, any mail coming into the base will be in Building 977 while any mail leaving the base should be brought to Building 975, said Airman Hacecky.

The new building will consist of a new office for the custodian of effects and a new office for receipt and delivery. There will also be four finance windows, which will help cut down on busy mailing seasons like Christmas. During those busy times of year, the ODC will set up one window for cash-only, one window for APO mail and two windows for credit and debit cards.

Since the credit card machines have been down for more than a year, this will probably be the most welcomed aspect of the move, said Airman Hacecky.

"There is one drawback," said Captain Bichler. "We will have to close for one day to complete the transition and get all the systems up and running. But we will let customers know when that day is by posting it on the commander's access channel and AFN immediately."

This is a much needed change for the In-

cirlik ODC because it has been operating as a "small" APO for several years even though it is considered a "large" APO by the United States Postal Service, Department of Defense and the Air Force – all of which governs the ODC and its operating mission.

"What really made the difference in out size was that there used to be two mail centers," said Airman Hacecky. "When ONF was going on, we had an office in tent city. Also, because the people were TDY, their units took their mail and we didn't have to store it."

One thing which will not change with the extension is the hours of operation, said Captain Bichler. The doors of both areas of the ODC will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The finance window, where people can mail packages and buy stamps, will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday; and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

"We are looking into having Building 977 accessible for 24 hours but nothing has been decided yet," said Captain Bichler.

## Doolittle Raid celebrates 64th anniversary

Courtesy of the 39th Air Base Wing Historian Office

Tuesday marked the anniversary of the daring 1942 'Doolittle Raid' on Tokyo that generated morale-boosting benefits far beyond its limited kinetic impact. From the deck of the aircraft carrier USS Hornet, 80 volunteer Airmen flew 16 bombers on a one-way mission intent on bringing WWII to the home front of Imperial Japan.

In the wake of shock and anger following Pearl Harbor, President Franklin D. Roosevelt demanded his military planners devise a way to strike Tokyo. Intended as revenge and an act of defiance in the face of a rapid Japanese advancement in the Pacific theater, such a raid presented acute problems in execution. No working Allied air base was close enough to Japan to support a bombing mission. Thinking 'outside the box' Navy Capt. Donald Duncan developed a proposal to launch modified medium bombers from an aircraft carrier enabling them to reach Tokyo while keeping the fleet at a safe distance from Japan. Army Air Forces leader Gen. Henry H. Arnold greeted the plan.

General Arnold assigned the technically-astute Lt. Col. James "Jimmy" Doolittle to organize and lead a suitable air group. The new but well-tested B-25B "Mitchell" bomber was selected as the delivery vehicle and tests showed that it could fly off a carrier with a useful bomb load four separate 500-pounders and enough fuel to hit Japan and continue another 600 miles to Kuomintang or Communist-controlled air-

fields in China well beyond the areas occupied by Japanese forces. If all went according to plan, the bombers would have a reserve of perhaps 20 minutes of fuel.

The plan required the Hornet to launch the bombers 400 miles east of Japan April 18, 1942. Colonel Doolittle and his crew would take off alone, arrive over Tokyo at dusk, and drop incendiary bombs setting fires to guide the other bombers to their targets. Three hours behind Colonel Doolittle, the remaining 15 B-25 were to launch, navigate in darkness over open ocean, and be guided in by Doolittle's blazing fires to bomb selected military and industrial targets. However, on the morning of the raid while 600 miles out a Japanese picket spotted the carrier group and radioed a warning before being sunk. The bombers were forced to take off 200 miles further away than planned on seas so rough that waves were breaking over the Hornet's deck.

Each B-25 take-off roll had to be timed exactly to ensure that it reached the forward end of the flight deck as the ship pitched up in the heavy seas, thus giving extra lift at the critical instant. Colonel Doolittle's own bomber was the first to rumble down Hornet's pitching flight deck. With less than 500 feet of open flight deck to take off from, many of the planes nearly stalled on take-off, and hung precariously for hundreds of yards before finally gaining altitude.

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# Come and sing along because 'Praise Is What We Do'

By Staff Sgt. Oshawn Jefferson  
39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

"... They lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the Lord ..."

2nd Chronicles 5:13

This biblical message of praise conveys the mindset of the 2006 Gospel Music Workshop of Incirlik – "Praise Is What We Do." Everything that has breath and the will to lift up their voice and sing can join base members Tuesday to April 29 for a week of fun, fellowship and great music.

"This is a great opportunity for people around the base, whether they are a great singer/musician or not, to get a better understanding of Gospel music and praise the Lord as one big Incirlik family," said Jennifer Bell, GMWI coordinator. "At the heart of all will be the celebration of Gospel music while praising the Lord through song."

The week will feature opportunities to learn gospel piano, worship and praise and living what you sing! Also the base will be blessed again with the return of last year's guest clinician Dr. J. Reginald Jackson.

"I participated in last's year workshop with Dr. Jackson and I had a great time," said Carol Moore, a musician with the Catholic Worship Service. "Dr. Jackson is so talented and plays so many instruments well; the base is truly blessed to have someone of his caliber conduct a workshop here."

The workshop will begin Tuesday with children's choir rehearsal from 6 to 7 p.m. nightly for children ages 5 to 13 and adult choir rehearsal will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m. nightly for people ages 14 and up. The workshop will culminate 6:30 p.m. April 29 at the Chapel with a concert.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Oshawn Jefferson  
Kari Stone, left, and Jermaine Ingram sing during a worship service here.

"Incirlik has had wonderful opportunities to come out and praise the Lord together as a community," said Chaplain (Maj.) Kenneth Reyes, 39th Air Base Wing Chaplain. "From the 'Faceless' Christian Rock concert on April 15 to weekly chapel services this base has enjoyed many opportunity to express the freedom and liberty we have to praise the Lord. My prayer is that the base community as a whole come out and enjoys the great music with Dr. Jackson and fellowship because praise is what we do and it is something we can do together."

To register for this year's workshop people can call 676-6441 or stop by the chapel and pick a registration form. Registration, rehearsals and the concert will take place in the base chapel.

"My hope and prayer is that people will bring their families and friends out to participate in this time of musical fellowship," said Bell. "If not, we pray we will see you at the concert on Saturday night, because God is holy and he is worthy to be praised."

## IN THE NEWS

### Commander's call

Col. "Tip" Stinnette, 39th Air Base Wing commander, will be holding a mandatory commander's call today in Maintenance Hanger 4 at 5 p.m.. This is a mandatory event for all wing military, and highly encouraged for all Team Incirlik members.

### Tax center

The tax center hours of operation are Monday to June 14, Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Building 869. For details, call 676-2040 for an appointment.

### On line trafficking training

The "Trafficking in Persons" training program has now arrived, and can be located at <https://golearn.csd.disa.mil>. After establishing a login sequence, personnel can access the training, which takes about 45 minutes including registration.

### Absentee voting

The 2006 State Primary Election for the following states will occur in May. Please contact your unit voting officer or the wing voting officer at 676-VOTE to obtain more information on absentee voting procedures.

May 2 – Indiana, North Carolina, Ohio  
May 9 – Nebraska, West Virginia  
May 16 – Kentucky, Oregon, Pennsylvania  
May 23 – Arkansas, Idaho

### Commissary closure

The base commissary will be closed Sunday because of a Turkish holiday. It will reopen Tuesday. For details, call the commissary at 676-6855.

## Doolittle Raid

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The bombers didn't waste fuel by heading directly westward in a long ragged line behind Doolittle's plane at wavetop level to avoid being detected.

With fuel running out after 15 hours of flight, 11 crews took to their parachutes. Local Chinese saved most of the aircrew and

heroically guided them through Japanese-held territory to safety.

Of the 80 men on this mission, five were killed-in-action, five were interned by the Soviets, and eight were captured by the Japanese. Of these eight, three were illegally executed, one died in captivity from torture, and the other four were prisoners of war liberated after the war. The rest of the

men eventually returned to duty and 12 of them would later be killed in action. Colonel Doolittle was awarded of the Medal of Honor and immediately promoted to Brig. Gen. bypassing the rank of colonel. A corporal received the Silver Star, all the remaining Raiders were awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, and every Doolittle Raider received a decoration from the Chinese.



# Attention Incirlik drunks

## *I'm talking to you and you know who you are*

By Anonymous

I'm a civilian employee on this base and I'm getting more than a little annoyed by your behavior and blatant disregard for your personal responsibility not to mention your total lack of respect for the host country you live in. This is a wake-up call, not from your commander or your supervisor, but simply from an old rogue Air Force First Sergeant. I gave a good part of my life to the United States Air Force and I was always held accountable for my actions. It's time you were held accountable for yours!

You're probably not the slightest bit interested in my opinion, but I'm going to give it to you anyway. Back in my time, I had to listen to advice and direction from my superiors, just as I do today, and guess what—I didn't always like what I heard but it was a great way to learn responsibility and accountability. I didn't have a 'Wingman' or any other designated 'buddy' or 'friend' in the Air Force. I was in a fraternity of military professionals, who together worked hard and played hard. If 'WE' got out of line or acted up and it affected our colleagues, our work or the mission, 'WE' were held accountable. My fellow military members stepped in on occasion to straighten my '\$\*&!' out, when they saw me loosing sight of the Air Force professionalism to which we were all bound. All of us looked out for each other; and we all took pride in the culture we represented as wearers of the Air Force uniform. No one was held accountable for my shortcomings but me; I suffered the consequences and I took my lumps. I learned responsibility and accountability very quickly.

My first assignment, like this one, was in a foreign land and the first thing I learned was who the 'foreigner' was — ME! My fel-

low Airmen drove that point home so that I would not embarrass the Air Force and avoid inappropriate confrontations with the local people's customs and norms. They also made that point to me to prevent me from screwing up 'THEIR' lives. It was called, working as a team!

The Air Force today appears to have fallen short in explaining the team concept. Let me tell you about it from my own perspective. A team is a group of like-minded people who have each other's welfare (back) in the forefront of their minds at all times. The team concept says, "Hey, where's John or Jane"?, when a group is out for a good time and friends have moved out of the picture for too long a time.

Our 'Wingman' concept here at Incirlik is great, but you shouldn't need a card with some guy's or girl's name on it to remind you to look out for that individual. Everyone should look out for each other simply because you're military professionals belonging to a very unique group! And, a team is NOT a group of ONE!!

I'm so disappointed today in what appears to be this 'group of one' concept; it also appears 'no one' is taught responsibility nor accountability any more. YOUR actions impact everyone living on this base, not simply yourself. And, contrary to your thought processes, the world DOES NOT revolve around YOU!

Being in the Air Force is a tremendous responsibility, whether in a foreign country or in the USA. YOU represent an organization far larger than YOURSELF. Your daily interface with others on and off this base affects how those who were stationed here before you and those coming after you are perceived. WE are all diplomats here! Our actions have a direct impact on how OUR na-

tion is perceived in the international community we currently live in.

YOUR inappropriate and 'stupid' actions get all Americans looked at in a very negative light by our Host Nationals. I take that negative view very personally because I work very hard every day to present a positive image. My responsibility and yours is to 'go the extra mile' to represent the United States Air Force and our Nation in the best possible light.

Getting drunk and disorderly is NOT a way to demonstrate your responsibility to the military profession you've chosen to be a part of. THINK about what you're doing every day, ask yourself, has my behavior been appropriate, is this the way I want my family to remember my tour of duty in Turkey? I don't think anyone would appreciate recalling recent events.

We currently have one of our own in jail; what do you suppose he must be thinking right now? I'll bet my next paycheck you don't want to join him, but your recent behavior certainly doesn't demonstrate that for your commander or for me.

I don't appreciate your irresponsible actions making my life and the life of others here at Incirlik more complicated with 'mandatory' after work meetings, base lock downs and early morning recalls. If you can't drink responsibly, then simply DON'T DRINK. If you know a buddy who can't drink responsibly, DON'T encourage him to drink. If you can't treat the local population with respect and dignity, then confine yourself to the base. If you continue to refuse to be accountable or to accept responsibility for your actions, you obviously are not fit to represent our nation in this foreign country, nor are you fit to represent the United States Air Force as a military professional.

## Incirlik blotter

### April 14

A technical sergeant with the 39th Air Base Wing was arrested for assaulting his wife at his residence at 2 p.m.

A staff sergeant with the 39th Logistic Readiness Squadron was arrested for drunken driving in front of the consolidated club at 10:46 p.m.

An airman first class with the 39th Security Forces Squadron caused an estimated \$900 worth of damage to a base fire truck and an access gate.

### Saturday

A staff sergeant with the 39th Communications Squadron was arrested for breaking and entering and damage to government property at 3:15 a.m.

An airman first class with the 39th Security Forces Squadron was arrested for assaulting another Airman in the dormitory at 3:46 a.m.

*Courtesy of the 39th Security Forces Squadron*

# *Happy Hunting*

## **Base celebrates Easter with traditional egg hunt**



Photos by Airman Nathan Lipscomb

Paul Hayes plays with a plastic egg that he found during the Easter Egg Hunt at Arkadas Park April 15. The youth center hid about 2,500 eggs for children two through 12 to find.



Parents and children participate in the egg toss during the Easter Egg Hunt at Arkadas Park April 15.



Above - Thirteen-month-old Emerson Lipscomb enjoys his time at the Easter egg hunt at Arkadas Park April 15.



Left - Nine-month-old David Mullens and his 3 year old brother Daniel Mullens sit with the Easter Bunny during the Easter Egg Hunt at Arkadas Park April 15.

# Comm maintenance

## Providing communications from flightline to clothesline

**By 2nd Lt. Melissa Pros**

39th Maintenance Systems Flight chief of maintenance

Communications squadrons are probably some of the most diverse organizations in the Air Force. So diverse, in fact, that all new communications officers are required to spend their first assignment rotating through the different flights learning the missions of each unit of the squadron. As one of these rotating lieutenants, I frequently get asked by my friends and coworkers, "Didn't I just see you working at the (insert random work center) last week?" Never have I been asked this question more than now, while I am filling in as the chief of maintenance for the mission systems flight.

One of the biggest areas of the mission systems flight is airfield systems. This branch of the 39th Communications Squadron controls all of the air traffic control and landing systems and meteorological systems on base. All of the radio, weather, radar and display systems that allow planes to take off and land on Incirlik's runways are maintained by members of this flight.

Highly trained technicians maintain equipment in the radar approach control and the air traffic control tower as well as across the entire airfield. This branch also includes the personal wireless communications systems, which most people know as cell phones and land mobile radios. All of Incirlik's government cell phones and handheld radios are maintained by this shop. The base frequency manager also falls into this branch, negotiating with both the major command and host nation to resolve issues with the radio frequencies that we rely on here.

Next to airfield systems, the mission systems flight's biggest branch is the cable branch. Comm's Cable Dawgs, as they are infor-

mally referred to, supply the cable backbone for Incirlik. Responsible for more than just mission systems, the Cable Dawgs install and maintain cable and antenna systems in all buildings and even base housing, ultimately supporting the use of telephones, computer networks, radio and alarm systems and cable television. Working along side with the Dawgs is the telephone maintenance work center. This work center maintains the telephone switching systems that support both DSN and housing phones. Telephone maintenance also works

to provide other services for base residents, such as the very popular ADSL that was recently brought to Incirlik.

The mission systems flight also provides some "behind the scenes" capabilities for Incirlik. The wideband and telemetry work center provides long-haul communications through satellite and telemetry systems. This shop maintains secure equipment for the command post as well as back-up systems and other deployable communications. The visual imagery and intrusion detection systems work center also provides ser-

vices for the mission here, by providing protection systems for Incirlik's assets.

Besides these services, the mission systems flight also has an internal quality assurance team to ensure that all of the maintenance personnel are current in their training and equipment is properly maintained and the work centers are efficiently managed. Job control also accepts and tracks all trouble calls for all of the diverse systems that the flight maintains. This office fields all calls for customers reporting trouble with everything from airfield systems to housing cable outages.

All of these services are provided by one flight in the comm squadron here. Hopefully this has shed some light on what we do, what services we support and provide and how we work together to provide services to customers across the base.



Photos by Master Sgt. William Gomez

Tech. Sgt. Ted Beveridge, 39th Communications Squadron meteorological navigational NCOIC, makes adjustments to the airfield glide slope transmitter.





Senior Airman John Kirkland, a voice network systems technician with the 39th Communications Squadron verifies phone numbers on the base providing 100 percent cable record integrity.



Staff Sgt. Anthony Nichols, a radar maintenance technician with the 39th Communications Squadron, measures par indicators using a power supply voltage unit.



Sergeant Ted Beveridge, makes adjustments on the airfield glide slope antenna.

# Protecting your assets

## Information protection safeguards base networks

**By Senior Airman Patrice Clarke**  
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Would you leave your front door unlocked? Would you leave the keys in the ignition of your brand new car; how about leaving expensive jewelry and wads of cash just lying around?

Let's not forget your social security card, common access card and bank information, would you leave that out for just anyone to see? People lock up houses and cars and keep money, jewels and information carefully safeguarded. Our base networks require the same protection. Base information protection is a responsibility that belongs to each of us as network users but the 39th Communications Squadron information protection office oversees network security for the entire base.

The IPO implements and enforces national, DoD, and Air Force security policies and directives.

"In short, we are the computer cops," said Staff Sgt. Amber Terry, Information Protection Office technician. "We make sure the computers are in line. We check them for vulnerabilities and protect them from information system and network security intrusions." The IPO wants to ensure the availability, integrity, and reliability of base networked and stand-alone information resources.

The IPO works with all classified and unclassified users on base, but the primary customers are client support administrators and functional system administrators.

"We work with the CSAs and FSAs so that they can be the first line of information for an average user," said Sergeant Terry. "The CSAs and FSAs have a little more computer knowledge than the average user

and can usually fix a problem there."

The IPO has three broad areas of responsibility, boundary protection – which works with who is allowed in and out of the network, intrusion detection – which works on detecting any viruses or bugs that are unhealthy to the network and vulnerability assessment – which works with the base server weaknesses. The IPO also uses numerous devices and applications to accomplish their responsibilities, some managed locally and others managed at the USAFE Network Operations and Security Center.

One of the primary responsibilities of the IPO is to ensure time compliance network order compliance which are typically in the form of a patch that needs to be installed in every system. The patch is normally pushed to each system via the systems management server but on occasion requires CSA intervention. Each patch has a suspense date assigned and if a system does not receive the patch prior to the suspense the system may become quarantined. "When a system is quarantined it gives the user only the minimum amount of access allowed to download the patch," said Tech. Sgt. David Gardner, Information Protection Office noncommissioned officer in charge.

Another tool the IPO uses to monitor the health of our network is the Internet Security Scanner. The ISS scans computers for vulnerabilities such as weak passwords, missing patches, outdated programs and poor configuration practices. IPO then forwards the vulnerability listing to the respective CSA/FSA for corrective measures. IPO also uses ISS to scan all new systems prior to being allowed on the domain.

"The patches and all the scanning might

be a slight hindrance on the user," said Sergeant Terry. "The hindrance is nothing compared to what would happen if this wasn't done."

The worst case scenario?

"If a computer is vulnerable it opens it self up to viruses and hackers. The right virus, the right hacker could shut network down. No e-mail, no shared drives, no Internet, no anything that the user uses for their daily tasks," said Sergeant Gardner.

Besides the patches the IPO has other measures to protect the bases computer assets. The IPO monitors the proxy server on a daily basis.

"The proxy server is like a bouncer at a high-end club," said Staff Sgt. Denver McCoy, 39th CS server administrator. The proxy server acts as a go between a workstation user and the Internet so that the enterprise can ensure security, administrative control, and caching service. Just like a bouncer at that high-end club, the proxy server masks all the internal IP or computer address from outside the network. It also monitors what the users are doing. "The proxy server has a list of keywords that it will not allow users to go to," said Sergeant McCoy. "If the keyword is on the website address, the white screen that pops up saying 'Access Denied' is the proxy server at work." That bouncer's job isn't quite done yet. After letting the right things in and protecting the users who are in, it also maintains a log of the entire transaction even if access was denied.



The IPO routinely reviews the proxy logs for. The network is available for official duty purposes and should not be misused said Sergeant Gardner. the downloads are for personal

reasons such as downloading music, pictures, gaming or any other unauthorized use the IPO will typically block the website.

Every Web site is placed into a categories and every attempt to access a website is logged in. A few of the categories are gaming, gruesome, entertainment, news and pornography. If a user shows up numerous times trying to access pornographic websites IPO forwards that detailed log through the communication squadron commander for further review.

Just like that home alarm system and car alarm system protects houses and cars from intrusion the IPO is responsible for doing the same thing to the network. Though the IPO is responsible for the overall security and health of the base network it still takes a joint effort from every user.



# Making good use of storage

**By Staff Sgt. Oshawn Jefferson**

39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

Operating instructions, on the job training manuals, appointment letters, memorandums, training videos, official work photos, mission briefs, PowerPoint presentations, these are the information tools required to keep things running smoothly at Incirlik.

With more than 2,000 people rotating in and out of Incirlik every 15- to 24-months, network servers are critical for storing vital information.

"The network servers here are backed up regularly allowing for data recovery," said Staff Sgt. Denver McCoy, 39th Communications Squadron server administrator. "Saving files to share drives is much safer than saving to a floppy or computer hard drives, as there is a better chance that lost information will be recoverable on network drives more so than other locations. It is highly recommended you save files to share drives."

At Incirlik the easiest way to manage all of this necessary data is to store it on the enterprise storage network, also known as, the network shared drives.

"Every squadron has a set of structured folders that allows them to save data important to keeping their mission going," said Tech. Sgt. Valerie Mullens, 39th CS server administrator. "There are four drives on the enterprise storage network commonly known to the average user on Incirlik as the O:, R:, S:, and U: drives."

Each drive has a specific set of information that is stored on it. The O: drive is used to store official records. The R: drive is used to share office-specific information. The S: drive is used to maintain or

share tasks-in-progress as well as act as a temporary storage bin for files that other work center across the base need to access. On the U: drive each network user on Incirlik is allotted 30 MB of space to store their own personal data.

"The Incirlik Network Control Center has gone a step further and created a public drive which should be used as a base bulletin board to promote squadron, group, or even base activities," said Sergeant Mullens.

"Things such as going away luncheons, bowl-a-thons, or even fundraiser documents should be posted on the public drive with a link to the presentation sent through e-mail. By advertising such events this way it reduces network bandwidth usage and space in our mailboxes due to large attachments being received."

Although the network servers are critical to mission success the space allowed on the drives are not unlimited. As operating instructions, on the job training manuals, appointment letters, memorandums, ect ... become obsolete people must remember to delete the old information or burn it to a CD.

"The next time you access a folder on the enterprise storage network take a look at what is out there and ask yourself, 'Does this information help keep our mission going?'," said Sergeant Mullens.

As easy as it is to save data to the network all users must understand that there are certain types of data that should not be saved there. The most common types of unauthorized files that are found are music, video and personal mail files. These file types take up a lot of space that should otherwise be used for mission-essential data.

With all the data that is required to keep the "Lik" running it is the network share drives that keep the base connected as one team.

## Forgotten history equals repeated history

**By Tech. Sgt. Janice Taylor**

39th Air Base Wing military equal opportunity office

It's been more than 60 years since the Holocaust and we should remember. Remember the fear, the helplessness, the torture, and murder of 11 million human beings; 6 million of them Jews.

Sixty years may seem like ancient history to many of us now, but to a survivor, the Holocaust remains real and forever present. Sixty years later we are still wondering how something like this could happen. How a world could sit back silently while innocent men, women and children were killed? It is important we never forget the Holocaust so we can work toward preventing such an unfortunate event in the future.

We've all seen the pictures and movies, or heard the story of the Jewish Holocaust. There were stories coming out of Germany about the atrocities the Jews were experiencing; first denying them their rights as citizens, removing their valuables, placement in ghettos and later concentration camps. There were many requests for the international

community to intervene and end the horror that had become the Jewish fate. The cries fell on deaf ears. No one intervened on behalf of the Jews until after 11 million people had perished.

This year the Incirlik community will commemorate the Holocaust, along with the nation, during a week long observance called "The Days of Remember." The week incorporates the Jewish holiday Yom HaShoah, which is Holocaust Remembrance Day in Hebrew.

This year Yom HaShoah falls between Monday and April 30, with the national Day of Remembrance Wednesday. The theme for this year's observance is "Legacies of Justice," in honor of the courage of and precedents set by those who testified during the trials of Nazi war criminals.

Holocaust Remembrance Day has been set aside to remember the victims of the Holocaust and to remind us of what is possible when bigotry, hatred and indifference go unchallenged. Former President Jimmy Carter said it best. "We must learn not only about the vulnerability of life, but of the value of human life. We must recognize that when

any fellow human being is stripped of humanity, when any person is turned into an object of repression, tortured or defiled or victimized by terrorism, prejudice or racism, then all human beings are victims, too." If there is a lesson to be learned, it is that we must stand up and speak out against injustice wherever it is found. If we forget our history, we are bound to repeat it.

The Holocaust was a human tragedy incomparable to any other. Could it have been prevented if the international community had stepped in and intervened earlier? We can only look toward the future and vow to never ignore ignorance, brutality or hatred.

*In Germany, they first came for the communists, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a communist. Then they came for the Jews, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Jew. Then they came for the trade unionists, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a trade unionist.*

*Then they came for the Catholics and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Catholic. Then they came for me—and by that time there was nobody left to speak up.*

—Martin Niemöller



# Incirlik Heroes

“You made my day!” Have you said this recently to someone at Incirlik? We want to know about it!

The *Tip of the Sword* will now feature a weekly spotlight on a person living the Air Force core value of service before self. This person may be someone who provided great customer care, a neighbor who helped out in a tough predicament, or a volunteer who’s making a difference and deserves a pat on the back.

**“Yvonne came in the twilight of her husbands tour and she served as the principal office assistant. She performs various clerical and administrative duties in support of the organization, office automation and many other things. She is simply outstanding. We treat her like a regular staff person and she’s a volunteer. We work around her schedule cause that’s how valuable she is to us. We are glad to have her.” — Chaplain (Maj.) Kenneth Reyes, 39th Air Base Wing head chaplain**

To see a valuable Incirlik team member — active duty, civilian, or family member — in the spotlight, contact Julie Halstead at 676-6755 or e-mail [Julie.halstead@incirlik.af.mil](mailto:Julie.halstead@incirlik.af.mil).



Photo by Senior Airman Tim Beckham

Yvonne Shaw folds pamphlets for the base chapel Wednesday afternoon. Yvonne routinely volunteers at the chapel.



Photo by Airman Kelly Flynn

## Future stars

Nick McCracken (Left) and Micah Hayes perform a dance during the final talent show held at the Incirlik Club Complex April 14.

# Hitting, kicking the balls around

Incirlik High School tennis, soccer practice underway



Ninth grader Bryan Roche returns a serve during practice. Ankara high school will come to Incirlik April 28-29 for a tennis match. The match starts at 9 a.m. at the high school tennis courts.



A.J. Hernandez, forward for the Incirlik High School soccer team, goes up for a header during practice at the soccer.



Photos by Airman Nathan Lipscomb

Eleventh grader Cameron Osborne chases down a serve during tennis practice.



Kenneth Mackentun, goalie for the Incirlik High School soccer team, makes a save during practice. The High School soccer team will be playing Ankara here April 28 - 29 for a soccer tournament. Games begin at the high school soccer field 11 a.m. April 28 and 9 a.m. April 29. For more details call the high school at 676-6330.





## Ask MEHMET

By Mehmet Birbiri, *Host Nation Adviser*

### Children's Day

Everybody loves children. Although they can be frustrating from time to time, they are our hope and our future. They are the flowers of human beings like the flowers blooming in April.

Turkey emphasizes the love, hope and future of children by proclaiming a national holiday for them. As far as I know, Turkey is the first country to proclaim a national holiday just for children.

We celebrate the holiday every April 23, and it is officially known as National Sovereignty and Children's Day.

There is a lot of history behind this day. When the Ottoman Empire was defeated in WWI; England, France, Italy, Greece and Russia's winning forces occupied Turkey.

The country's ruling sultan was only a figurehead, because the occupying forces, mainly England, dictated orders to him in Istanbul, the capital of the empire. The occupying British forces closed the Ottoman Parliament. Some parliament members fled, some were exiled and others were put in prison.

Mustafa Kemal, later named Atatürk, didn't stand still. Knowing and believing in his nation, he left Istanbul and ignited the War of Independence in Anatolia. He set up resistance forces and organized congresses at different locations.

In order to succeed, he knew the nation had to be united, so he sent messages throughout the country asking for support.

Representatives traveled to Ankara to help make decisions on the nation's future. Ankara was in a central region of Anatolia and was not occupied by the foreign forces. Ankara was proclaimed as the capital of the country later on. The first Grand National Assembly opened April 23, 1920 under Atatürk's chairmanship.

The vital decisions of the Grand National Assembly saved the country and led to founding the Republic of Turkey. During the War of Independence, many children had been left homeless orphans. Atatürk's concern for these children led to the foundation of the Institute for the Salvation of Children. Then, because children were the future of



Courtesy photo

Turkey celebrates children's day every April 23, and it is officially known as National Sovereignty and Children's Day.

Turkey, Atatürk dedicated the day, the young republic's most important day, to the children of the nation in celebration of the opening of the Grand National Assembly.

Sunday marks the 86th anniversary of that happy and important event. It is a national holiday.

Major ceremonies and celebrations take place in Ankara and Istanbul. Throughout the country, elementary schools are decorated and children wear special uniforms to commemorate the day.

One special activity is to have a child, symbolically, in charge of every administrative position from president to mayor on that special day for the children. Children usually give orders like opening new playgrounds or schools. The ceremony in Adana will be at the stadium starting at 9:00 a.m. Ceremonies will also be held at Incirlik Village.

In 1979, the United Nation's Year of the Child, the Turkish Government Proposed that April 23 be declared a holiday for the children of the world. That same year, Turkey began inviting children from every country to come and participate in its Children's Day Festivities. TRT (the state run Turkish Radio Television Corp.) has been sponsoring an annual international Children's Day Festival. Hundreds of children from different countries march in the streets of Ankara and Istanbul in their national outfits, performing their native dances. Every year children from more than 40 countries come together, celebrate that happy event and plant the seeds of peace and brotherhood.

## In Turkish

**cocuk - child**  
(cho-juk)

**cicek - flower**  
(chee-check)

**Nisan - April**  
(nee-son)

**ulusal - national**  
(ou-lue-sahl)

**Parlamento - Parliament**  
(pahr-leh-mento-to)

**festival - festival**  
(fes-tea-vahl)

**ilkokul - elementary**  
(eelk-o-kool)

**ulke - country**  
(uel-keh)

*Do you have a question about something Turkish? Ask Mehmet. To submit a question, call 676-6060 or e-mail [mehmet.birbiri@incirlik.af.mil](mailto:mehmet.birbiri@incirlik.af.mil).*



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## Golf tournament

Incirlik's Asian-Pacific Heritage Council will be having a nine hole, four-person team scramble golf tournament May 12 with tee times starting at 8 a.m. The tournament cost \$12 for members and \$20 for non members. Lunch is included. For details call Master Sgt. Stewart Williams at 676-3109.

## ALS fundraiser

The Airmen Leadership School class will be having an all night softball tournament Saturday starting at 4 p.m. at Arkadas Park field two. The cost is \$120. No more than eight teams can sign up. For details, e-mail derrick.hernandez@incirlik.af.mil or laura.lofton@incirlik.af.mil.

## Book fair

A Scholastic Book Fair is being sponsored by the Incirlik elementary and middle school PTSA. The book fair will offer specially priced books and educational products. The book fair is open to the public May 4 from 2 to 7 p.m. and May 5 from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Incirlik Elementary School. For details, call Janell Subasi at 676-9123.

## WICO closure

The Women, Infants, and Children Overseas office located in the family support building will be closed Saturday through May 20.

If you have any questions, call Elizabeth Beverly at 676-1237. If immediate assistance is needed during closure period, please contact Staci Crawford at DSN 226-1728 or 01638-521728.

## Reading program

The library is sponsoring a new "We the People" reading program entitled "Becoming American," open to grades K through 12.

Certificates and prizes will be awarded. Also, there will be a drawing for gift certificates from the base exchange in June. For details, call Yvonne Byars at 676-6759.

# WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



**Senior Airman Zachary McFall**

39th Operations Squadron  
air traffic controller

**Time in service:** Almost four years

**Hometown:** Phoenix, Ariz.

**Time on station:** Six months

**Hobbies:** Flying, private pilot.

**Why did you join the Air Force?**

To launch a career in aviation.

**What do you like the most about Incirlik?**

The family environment

**How do you contribute to the mission?**

I ensure all arrivals, departures, and enroute aircraft in a 50-mile circular area (surface to 28,000 feet) of Incirlik remains safe and separated from ground obstructions and each other. I ensure timely sequencing of all arriving and departing aircraft enabling flight crews to maintain their mission time tables.

**What is your favorite motto?**

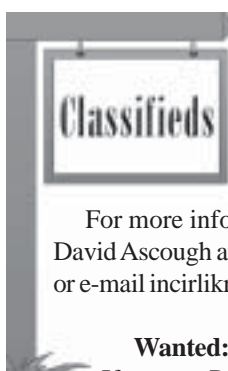
"Ever day is a holiday" I say that because ever day truly is a holiday if one is in the right frame of mind.

**What Air Force core value best describes you and why?**

"Integrity first." I would never want to go home and not like the man in the mirror.

**Supervisor's quote:**

"Senior Airman McFall is quietly confident," said Tech. Sgt. David Sever, 39th Operations Squadron air traffic watch supervisor. "He is one of those Airmen you want to display when inspection teams arrive."



**For sale:** Limited Edition 2004 Yamaha YZF-R6 for sale, only 2,800 mile. Asking price is \$6,500 and includes add-ons.

For more info and pictures contact David Ascough at 676-3009, 676-5155, or e-mail incirlikr6sale@yahoo.com.

**Wanted:** Dependable family car.

If you are PCSing, or just want to "lighten your load" and sell your present vehicle, please call Nilgun at 676-6755 or 0533-633-7401.

**Wanted:** Central Texas College is seeking applications for Automotive Instructors who have an associates degree or higher and a minimum of five years work experience in the maintenance field or a bachelors degree and a minimum of three years work experience in the maintenance field.

Please contact Silke Gardner at 676-8399 or by e-mail: Incirlik@europe.ctcd.edu

**Needed:** A foster home is desperately needed for one-year-old spayed female dog.

Kit is very sweet and gentle. She would be fine around children and other dogs. I am PCSing in November of this year. I live in the dorms and I am unable to keep her with me. I will take care of all costs and exercise her regularly. Your help will be greatly appreciated in taking care of this wonderful pet.

I can be reached at 676-5304 or e-mail at Stacey.Moore@incirlik.af.mil.

**Lost:** Lost grey cat in Phantom housing. Has no collar and answers to Rain.

If found, please call 676-2299 or 0-538-399-5397.

**Wanted:** The Incirlik Girl Scout Community is seeking a volunteer to fill the overseas Committee Chair position from June 2006 to June 2007.

Please contact Col. Mary Parker, 676-1991 or Ms. Greta Dozier, 676-3524 for additional information.

**Volunteers needed:** The Chapel is seeking Crossroads Café managers for Friday and Saturday nights.

For details, call Senior Airman Tianna Milagro 676-6441.

# Have great travel photos?

Send them to the *Tip of the Sword* at [tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil](mailto:tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil)



## Hoofin it

Members of Airmen Leadership Class 06-5, ALS instructors, supervisors, first sergeants and anyone else who wanted to participated in the Boots and Utes run. Every ALS class does the run which has the formation running through the base in their BDU's. The boots and utes run began to incorporate combat fitness into the ALS program. For any one interested in participating the next run is Wednesday at 3:45 p.m. behind the ALS building (Bldg. 979) For more details, call Staff Sgt. Alexandra Meleciano at 676-3326.

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### E-mail scam

Some members on base have received an e-mail from someone claiming to be Chase bank stating "your account is in high risk activity status" and prompts the person to call a 1-800 number to verify account information.

Chase Bank knows about this scam and wants members to know that they would not send an e-mail asking to verify information.

Other scam indicators are:

- Requiring customers to enter personal information directly into the e-mail.
- Threatening to close a your account if you do not take immediate action of providing personal information.
- Asking for your authentication code.

The bank already has this information. If you receive a phone call or email, let your financial institute know immediately.



### AT THE OASIS

#### Today

**7 p.m. – Annapolis (PG-13)** – Starring James Franco and Jordana Brewster. A young man from the wrong side of the tracks has his dream come true when he is accepted to the Naval Academy. (108 minutes)

**9:15 p.m. – Running Scared (R) (1st Run)** – Starring Paul Walker and Wayne Brady. Two 10-year-old boys get their hands on a mob gun with which a cop was shot. (124 minutes)

#### Saturday

**5 p.m. – Nanny McPhee (PG)** – Starring Emma Thompson and Colin Firth. A new nanny enters the household of the recently widowed Mr. Brown and attempts to tame his seven exceedingly ill-behaved children. (98 minutes)

**7:30 p.m. – Final Destination 3 (R)** – Starring Mary Elizabeth Winstead and Ryan Merriman. A high school student fails to stop the fated roller coaster ride that she predicted would cause the deaths of her friends. (82 minutes)

#### Sunday

**7 p.m. – Running Scared (R) (1st Run)** – Starring Paul Walker and Wayne Brady. (124 minutes)

#### Thursday

**7 p.m. – Annapolis (PG-13)** – Starring James Franco and Jordana Brewster. (108 minutes)

### AT THE M1

**The Descent** – Starring Shauna MacDonald and Natalie Mendoza at 11 a.m., 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:15 and 9:30 p.m.

**Slither** – Starring Nathan Fillion and Elizabeth Banks at noon, 2:15, 4:30, 7, 9:15 p.m.

Movie listings are subject to changes. On-base listings are courtesy of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service Web site at <http://www.aafes.com/ems/euro/incirlik.htm>; M-1 listings are courtesy of Tepe Cinemaxx Tepe Cinemaxx and their Web site at [www.mybilet.com/show\\_place\\_detail.aspx?place\\_id=101](http://www.mybilet.com/show_place_detail.aspx?place_id=101). For more Oasis information and updates, call the movie recording at 676-6986 or the theater office at 676-9140.